

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: Michael Crestohl <mc@shore.net>
Subject: "Silicon Circuits"
Message-ID: <199701281335.IAA14416@northshore.shore.net>

Hello Everybody:

Well, hope I'm not straying too far off topic continuing this thread re: nomenclature.

I like to refer to the newer electronic equipment - not limited to radio - as "silicon circuits", as in "I don't know how to troubleshoot these @#!*%\$! silicon circuits - give me good old hollow-state glass FETs devices anyday!" Don't think it will offend anyone, is somewhat amusing and is pretty clear in my meaning.

I will never understand why some people like to change the meaning of words I am familiar with....."gay" for example. Even the order in which they appear makes a big difference, like "colored people" (which I understand is considered offensive) and "people of color" which is the preferred term these days for those of African descent. It's almost too much for this poor Canadian immigrant to try to understand. As Dave Stinson wrote earlier, sometimes tip-toeing around trying to be "PC" can be offensive itself. What's a guy to do? (Sorry Jack!)

I'll go to my room now!

Michael Crestohl, W1RC
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Joe Serocki <jserocki@allstate.com>
Subject: ***WTB: Swan VFO-508***
Message-ID: <s2ed3faf.046@allstate.com>

A friend has recently picked up an old swan, a 700 I believe, and he is looking for the external vfo. If anyone has one, please e-mail me or call me at 847-402-7119 anytime.

thanks

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Glenn Finerman <GFINER@nms.com>
Subject: 572B's replacing 811A's
Message-ID: <s2ee250e.046@nms.com>

I know the subject has come up before with regards to subbing 572B's in place of 811A's like in the Collins 30L-1. Comments were made about increased power, etc..

I have an Ameritron 811amplifier (Apple Pie Box <grin>) that uses three 811A's. Works very well and I've had no problems with it but when I'm tuning it up I can hear those tubes creaking and straining when holding the key down for more than a few seconds. Won't replacing the 811A's with 572B's help to some extent? A more rugged tube with higher plate dissipation. I'm not expecting to get more power, but won't I be able to hold key down longer without worrying about the tubes melting down?. This question has come up because I plan on using the amp as an AM linear in the near future.

Any comments???

73.....Glenn N2BJG gfiner@nms.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: pmills@A.crl.com (Phil Mills)
Subject: Re: 572B's replacing 811A's
Message-ID: <199701282144.AA16802@A.crl.com>

Glenn, you are exactly right in your expectations. You won't have to worry about melting holes the plates, etc. Keep in mind that you will have to operate the amp within the limits of its plate supply.

73, Phil

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997

From: km1h@juno.com

Subject: Re: 572B's replacing 811A's

Message-ID: <19970128.181014.9799.1.km1h@juno.com>

Please...DO NOT put 572B's in your MFJ Amp. If you go by all the specs you can be easily misled about this swap. In case there is some confusion, Ameritron is owned by MFJ and all parts purchasing is from the same centralized source. Quality is not a MFJ strong point. In the MFJ amp the power supply is the limiting factor. It is designed strictly for SSB/CW service and a safety factor overhead is non-existent. An AM linear output of 200-250W is stressing the PS and 811A's already....as a combined entity. Please remember, an AM linear is only 33% efficient at its best. The 572's can easily exacerbate the PS problem at virtually no real gain. There are certainly many better AM linear amp choices from modern high priced amps to 30-40+ year old classics. For instance, a mint Henry 2K2 is selling for less than the MFJ and will probably last another 30 years no matter what you do to it. Even the Heathkit SB220 will run all day at 300-350W out as a AM linear and are typically \$400-450 in fine condx.

73 and GL.....Carl KM1H

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997

From: Glenn Finerman <GFINER@nms.com>

Subject: 6BA6 seller?

Message-ID: <s2ee1d9d.038@nms.com>

In the past someone posted a for sale of 6BA6 N.O.S. tubes in quantities of 100. Anybody know who that was?

Thanks...

73.....Glenn N2BJG gfiner@nms.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: km1h@juno.com
Subject: : Riceboxes, et al
Message-ID: <19970128.191406.9799.3.km1h@juno.com>

Fellow BAers...I sent this msg this AM but it had a delivery problem. I do not wish to belabor this issue but thought it might make a point to a few. Jack knows well the person I mention.

----- Begin forwarded message -----
From: km1h
Subject: Riceboxes, et al
From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Eugene Rippen <soundval@foothill.net>
Subject: BIG BA FS
Message-ID: <32EE7282.10E0@foothill.net>

Bill Irwin still has a very big BA for sale.
CAY-TBM-10 transmitter. Only 5 are known to exist, and 3 of them are in museums.
Uses (3) 860's to drive an 861 final.

Bill is ready to make some space at his house. Why not call him at (916) 878-1780, or Email me and I will have him contact you.

He is willing to make delivery withing a "reasonable" distance. It only weighs about 800 pounds.

Gene

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: Bill Sorsby <bill.sorsby@dlep1.itg.ti.com>
Subject: BoatAnchors YES!
Message-ID: <199701281816.MAA23429@lesol1.dseg.ti.com>

Let's be frank. Boatanchors is a derogatory term. Despite that (or maybe because of it), it is near and dear to the hearts of many on this list. This paradox was amply demonstrated in the heated discussions involving the formation of the Boatanchors newsgroup.

Nicknames have been around forever (and in all cultures). Sometimes they're liked, sometimes they're not. As amply demonstrated by the term

Boatanchors, it's usually all in the eye of the beholder.

We Americans tend to be rather blunt (notwithstanding the currently fashionable wave of political correctness). It's one of the freedoms we enjoy and I, for one, am fond of that part of our culture and heritage.

Regards,
Bill Sorsby, N5BU

P.S. For the record; my usage of the term "ricebox" is a succinct way of generically describing modern ham gear hailing from the Orient. No ethnic denigration should be ascribed to it.

bill.sorsby@dlep1.itg.ti.com
Views expressed herein are no one's fault but mine.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "James F. Wood 253-7886" <WOODJ@mail.firn.edu>
Subject: Books FS
Message-ID: <D2214ZWRL5QFE*/R=FIRNVX/R=A1/U=WOODJ/@MHS>

Applied Practical radio and Television by Coyne(Chicago)
1953/55 editions. 7 vols total in good condition.
Anyone need these make a offer,

Jim N4ACS:woodj@mail.firn.edu
A old Hippie Vietnam Vet; ASA radio Op.
Philosopher for hire: "Will think for a Beer"

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: azoth@netcom.com (Az0th)
Subject: Boxen and books
Message-ID: <199701282019.PAA02168@netcom6.netcom.com>

Hiyall,

Re riceboxen and boatanchors: I don't recall ever using either term as an insult. If someone wants to feel insulted regardless of my intent,

I really don't care and I won't ever pretend that I do. Somebody on the Collins reflector recently complained about folks calling Collins radios boatanchors, as if they weren't boatanchors, by our current definition of the term. I don't mind folks not using the words, for whatever reason, but I certainly don't allow such people to define the terms _I_ can use.

I took a quick look at the baTech books on my shelves last night, and noticed that they fell into fairly well defined categories.

baTech education - Nilson & Hornung, Marcus & Marcus, Cooke, Shrader, etc.
baTech maintenance - Ghirardi, Marcus, service manuals, etc.
baTech engineering - Terman, Radiotron 3rd & 4th, RadLab vols, etc.
baTech reference - Radio and ARRL Handbooks, tube references, Moore, etc.
baTech history - various, by and about Sarnoff, Marconi, the RSGB, etc.
baTech fiction - mostly juvenile, Tom Swift et al

Lots of overlap, obviously, but that's the way they were clustered here.

Also noticed that my Radiotron 4th is a Feb '54 printing, with not much in the way of a supplement. Can't say I ever missed it.

73 de KF4FH - RF Buchanan

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: David Prince <davprin@gil.com.au>
Subject: Re: CE-3-D tube
Message-ID: <32EE89A6.31BB@gil.com.au>

Walter L. Marshall wrote:

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> Dear Girls and Guys,
> Found a strange tube in my stash. It looks like it may
> be a magic eye type tube. Octal base with 5 pins, three of
> these are connected to different positions on the plate.
> The plate is a segment of a cylinder. The cathode appears
> to be a steel rod with a disc on the top. Plate is
> coated with some material that may be phosphorous.
> It was made by Continental Electronics.
> Any ideas? It's not listed in any of my tube manuals
> or replacement guides.
> Thanks, Walter

The CE-3D is actually a Gas photo-tube. My copy of Armed Forces Cross Index of Electron Tube Types (1950) gives it's "current" designation as 1P31 with other numbers of G10, 79A4 and WE3A.

de VK4KDP

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Dave Prince
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Sifakis George <sifakis@isoft.intranet.gr>
Subject: Color of RME 99
Message-ID: <32EE7806@msgw.isoft.intranet.gr>

Does anyone know the original color of the RME 99 receiver?

George SV0KA sifakis@isoft.intranet.gr

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: bill@skeeter.frco.com (William Hawkins)
Subject: Double peak on antenna trimmer?
Message-ID: <9701282148.AA09176@skeeter.bvc.frco.com>

Doing alignment on a National SW-54 (AA5 with a bandswitch). Used a GR-1001A signal generator with a cliplead near the antenna terminal, and an R-390 to listen for the L0. Found the 'natural' IF (tuning cap fully meshed, no trim on coil inductance) to be 455 on band A (broadcast) and 460 on the higher bands. At the high end of the band (tuning cap minimum mesh), trimmers pulled the L0 to agree with the dial. Found little image rejection at the high end of C band (14 MHz) - two strong signals 920 KHz apart. But the R-390 told me where the L0 was (460 KHz above the antenna freq), so I knew which was real and which was image. Problem is, the C band trimmer had two peaks for the 14 MHz signal. Is there something about old compression trimmer caps that lets them have the same capacity in two places? What am I missing???

Regards,
Bill Hawkins bill@skeeter.frco.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Morris Odell <morriso@vifp.monash.edu.au>
Subject: Drake R4C
Message-ID: <32EE7571.5A54@vifp.monash.edu.au>

Gang,

A big thank-you to all those that responded to my question about this receiver. In a few hours I found out more than I ever could have by looking through the journal collection or other sources. Once again this list has proved a unique source and well worth the subscription.

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Morris VK3DOC

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: w7ni@teleport.com (Stan Griffiths)
Subject: Re: Electronic Part Swap Lists?
Message-ID: <199701281744.JAA16804@kim.teleport.com>

>Are there any lists out there for the buy-and-selling of electronic
>components? I looking for something similar the BA list and not a use
>group. I have alot some excess parts I want to get rid of, but they do not
>classify as parts for use in our BA's.
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>Thanks es 73
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>Don N900

Hi Don,

Me too. Let me me know if you discover something interesting on this.

Stan w7ni@teleport.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: bdhall@ghg.net (Benjamin D. Hall)
Subject: Re: Electronic Part Swap Lists?
Message-ID: <32EE4475.2968@ghgcorp.com>

> >Are there any lists out there for the buy-and-selling of electronic
> >components?

Maybe if there is enough interest, a BASales e-mail list could be started up? It would remove a good bit of clutter from the BA list, and doesn't necessarily need to be hosted on ThePorch...

Ideas? Comments? Personally, my usenet feed both at home and here at NASA is so unreliable to make it almost useless, so I'd love to see a mailing list on it... I'll see if I can figure out how to go about getting one started if there is interest...

Thanks and 73,
Ben

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Benjamin D. Hall, Houston Texas - Junque collector extraordinaire.
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*** PLEASE NOTE NEW HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE. ***

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "Walter L. Marshall" <wmarshall@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Re: Electronic Part Swap Lists?
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.970128140749.22804C-1000000@cap1.capaccess.org>

Dear Girls and Guys,

I don't think there is a list with better coverage than this.

For myself, buying and selling is part of the fun. I don't have the room for all of it. I'm trying to learn how to fix these things. The best way for me to do that is to buy, fix (or not,) sell, get another. I get to use many radios for a while, then pass it along. Every radio I have is for sale, except my Hammarlund HQ-180 and my President Washington cb.

I think that finding radios is %50 of the fun. Using them is %50 of the fun. Fixing them is almost %50 of the fun. Selling them is %50 of the fun. I get more then the normal amount of fun out of this.

Theporch may want to start another list for buy, sell, which would be a lot of work but would be nice. Because just about anybody who is anybody boatanchorish, is on this list.

OK, TTFN,
Walter

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Eugene Rippen <soundval@foothill.net>
Subject: Re: Electronic Part Swap Lists?
Message-ID: <32EE612A.672D@foothill.net>

There is a news group: rec.radio.amateur.homebrew

This is a possibility for disposing of parts.

I'm putting together a page for parts and gear sales. But I'm not there yet. Thinking of allowing others to be able to list, large groups of parts and gear; that is, lists bigger than Jack wants on boatanchors. I have not figured out the logistics of doing this yet. I definitely want to keep it simple.

Gene

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: tomrice@netcom.com (Tom R. Rice)
Subject: Exploding Caps; a note of caution
Message-ID: <199701281954.LAA00317@netcom6.netcom.com>

I've been re-forming every NOS electrolytic condenser I have, preparatory to their use in "projects", using my old Sprague Tel-Ohmike. In this unit, a panel meter shows the voltage imposed on the condenser and a switch allows for reading the leakage current.

However, the old resistors in the box have apparently aged upward, as the volts scale reads 'way low, i.e., 450 actual volts reads 320 on the meter.

So, just a reminder, I would suggest either re-calibrating the source or just monitor the voltage with an external meter. Many blow-ups might be avoided!

73 de WB6BYH

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"Start off every day with a smile and get it over with." --W.C.Fields
Tom R. Rice
tomrice@netcom.com
CIS: 71160,1122

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Eugene Rippen <soundval@foothill.net>
Subject: Re: Exploding Caps; a note of caution
Message-ID: <32EE6270.4EC4@foothill.net>

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> meter. Many blow-ups might be avoided!

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The number one way to blow up an electrolytic, is still to hook it up backwards. Now, of course, I have never personally done such a stupid thing. (Heh, Heh)

Gene

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Walt Novinger <waltn@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: Exploding Caps; a note of caution
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19970128231515.006a65f0@mail.earthlink.net>

At 01:55 PM 1/28/97 -0600, you wrote:

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I, too had a problem with my Tel-Ohmike...one of the diodes across the meter (there are two, back-to-back) had died (either open or shorted, can't remember which right now), and the voltage read one-half of what it actually was. This was spotted by using an external meter across the terminals as you suggested. I replaced the diodes (both of 'em), and the calibration is spot-on.

Walt

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Walt Novinger	Real Radios Keep You Warm At Night!
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: dr.electron@juno.com
Subject: RE: Explosives in the shop, chapter two.
Message-ID: <19970127.205949.4463.0.dr.electron@juno.com>

Hi

I have experienced and/or witnessed quite a few unruly electrolytics. Fortunately, only one I recall was unjurious. A tech buddy was tshooting a large amp when it shot back. He had slipped with a vtvm probe, shorting something which put excessive electromotive force upon an aluminum filter cap. He nearly lost an eye (safety glasses, anyone?) and suffered permanent hearing damage. He sort of lost interest in bench work, and I wound up having to clean up the mess. The pop shredded a heavy duty G-10 fiberglass board into ribbons. I explored the topology at a long arms length after that. Once on the ship, during a period of protracted ennui, I connected a 22uf 30v wet tantalum across a 28VDC receptacle, to see what it would do. Nothing. Didn't want to call in EOD, so I swatted it loose with a foxtail cleaning brush. About ten feet away at 6 feet altitude in the middle of the break area, it detonated. Fortunately, no one was close. There was lots of explaining to do when personnel from neighboring work centers began thronging into the shop ready to administer first aid. That was through the steel bulkheads ! No trace of the component could be found, aside from a few shreds of tissue-like paper. Triple M-80 sound at least, and the odor could only be described as indescribable. I developed more than a healthy respect for many things that night. Good thing it made poor contact when plugged in !
Regards, Rich P

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: hdmeitzen@champion.aclic.com (HD Meitzen)
Subject: FS R390A, 75A4, 75S1, 32S1, PS
Message-ID: <9701282022.004324@champion-0845.aclic.com>

I am still trying to pay for XMAS. I have the following for Sale.
R390A I think it is a Motorola the front tag has been removed.
The unit appears complete no mods, all parts there. I fired it up
and get a hiss so it has a problem some place. Finger rub
mark in front panel. BFO knob non standard. Dirty front
panel. No cover but has meters. All of that is a turn off but
the unit is restorable. \$230 plus shipping.
75A4 Serial 2855, 3kc filter, Reduction Knob very
clean unit some crinkle rum on top. The light must reflect
just right to see this. This is very clean I have a foam filled
military case to ship in. \$750. 75S1, 32S1 and PS. All are
perfect condition cosmetically. I have fired up the 75S1 and
it works fine. I have not fired up the 32S1. I was told that
the 6146is are soft. \$750.

Dave
AA9TT

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: rhys@ix.netcom.com (Lawrence D. Walken)
Subject: FS WRL Globe VFO 755A
Message-ID: <199701290130.TAA20043@dfw-ix13.ix.netcom.com>

Hi gang --

For any of you who've recently upgraded from novice and are ready to
give up being rock bound:

Globe VFO #755A

- Bandswitching 10M-160M
- Built-in p/s -- just plug it into your xtal socket
- Temp. compensated output
- Calibration is dead on freq.
- Sine wave looks nicer than my sand state sig gen
- Approx. 50 RF volts out.
- Very good cosmetically -- all orig.

No manual \$50. + shpg

Larry Wolken N30JD
(202) 291-9303

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: Peter Ferrand <petef@sprynet.com>
Subject: FS: AX9909
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19970128090856.006d99cc@m3.sprynet.com>

I have one Amperex AX9909 tube from the final pair in my Globe Champion; it was working fine to full power when its mate developed a cracked base.

For the usual reasons a half a year ago I redesigned my Globe to use different tubes, and would like to put this one into someone's rig that needs it.

The working tube has a date code of 59-17.

In view of the last time I checked AES's price was \$125 each on these, I am offering this tube to the list first at \$50 plus \$10 UPS to the continental US. Your choice of other shipping method (COD, Fedex, etc.) if desired.

tnx es 73
-Pete
WB2QLL
Nashua, NH
(603)889-1067
petef@sprynet.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: ARONGV@aol.com
Subject: FS: BAs
Message-ID: <970128021332_303656712@emout08.mail.aol.com>

Hi Gang:

Good friend of mine, a bona fide BA guy has some really nice BA stuff for sale. I've seen these units and ther are very nice. Also, he's a stickler for having everything work up to or better than original specs.....without irreversible mods.

Please contact him, not me, if interested:

SX-28 Beautiful restoration, electrolytics replaced
works great. \$295

DX-60 & companion HG-10 VFO, looks great, works just fine, caps replaced.
\$125

Heath SB-10 SSB Adapter \$75

Hammarlund HQ100A Looks very good and clock works. \$125

Johnson Valiant, audio improvement mods, electrolytics replaced, very nice
condx, works great. \$340

Manuals for each included. And, of course, everything is negotiable.

Vern WoVV "in the frozen North Dakota"
701-378-2710

Vern is in the process of getting a computer. Then he says he'll apply to get
on the BA list. His remaining equipment includes a BC-610, NC-183D, SW-4,
various Johnson pieces, etc....

Ron Wo0IZ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Chris <c_sieg@conknet.com>
Subject: FS: PP-3700 26VDC Power Supplies (FB for R392)
Message-ID: <Chameleon.854506777.c_sieg@conknet.com>

Hi,

I just picked up some military power supplies, PP-3700/PRC-41.
They are regulated and put out 24-28 VDC @ ~4.5 amps, very low ripple. They are
perfect for powering R392s. The input supply is 110 or 220 VAC 50 - 400 Hz.
Dimensions are 4" x 11" x 7.5" and weight is about 15 lbs. The internal condition
is like new externally they vary from poor to like new condition. If you could
use one the prices are:

Very good condition, checked \$50
Beat up but checked for operation \$35
Parts units \$15

Shipping charges extra.

Thanks,
-Chris WA3LDI
e-mail c_sieg@conknet.com

Name: Chris
E-mail: Chris <c_sieg@conknet.com>
URL <http://www.conknet.com/piexx>

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Peter Ferrand <petef@sprynet.com>
Subject: FS: VHF/UHF electronic thing
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19970128211225.006d62dc@m3.sprynet.com>

Here is an odd item for the VHF/UHF BA fan. I'm not exactly sure what this is, in essence it is a receiver, but probably it is a tuning head for some piece of test equipment.

The input is RF 200 to 400 MHz, and the output is audio. Manufacturer is Molded Insulation Company of Philadelphia, and the nomenclature is TN-327/URM-27.

>From the schematic under a sheet of plastic on the side of the unit, looks like 9 tubes, all mini, with a 5876 rf amp, the rest 6BQ7's, 6BJ6, 6AH6 and the like. The quality of workmanship is superb, with lots of silverplate throughout, BNC connectors, and a multi-gear reduction tuning control on the front panel.

Set is 8.5" X 6" X 13" hwd, not including handle and knob and on the front panel. Weight about fourteen pounds. Set is nice and clean throughout. I have no use for it and haven't tried to power it up - it takes power from the associated equipment.

This is another one of those things that doesn't have an established market price. So it is Tuesday night as I post this. High bidder by Thursday January 30 noon EST will be the winner. Please give me your price without adding shipping charges; we'll deal with that later to be fair to those who wish to pick up the unit here in Nashua NH.

73 es tnx
-Pete
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997

From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: FT: National SW-3..
Message-ID: <19970128014730.AAB11754@LOCALNAME>

Hello gang,

I have a National SW-3, (model 2, battery version) that has been recapped (old cap cans cleaned out, new caps concealed inside them!) For its age, I'd say condition is a 9 at least. All original knobs etc. Only modification is the addition of a pilot lamp socket (bracket already there) in a grommet for a 2 volt lamp to illuminate the dial. It is in excellent working condition and I'll include several spare tubes with it. (It used originally a pair of '32's and a '30. I have some 32's, '34s, a '30 types for it.

I'd like to TRADE it only for another SW-3 model 2 in similar or better condition (the one that uses a pair of '58's and a '27...or...a pair of 6D6's and a '76...depending on what heater voltage was in use.).....LESS COIL SETS. OR.....a model 3 (which uses a pair of 6K7's and a 6C5). They are fairly scarce too!

This will be something that will appeal only to a collector or someone looking for the battery model which is much scarcer than the regular "AC" model 2.

I also have some documentation I will be glad to supply copies of with it.

73,

E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW
"Boat Anchors collected, restored, repaired, traded and used!"
417 Ridgewood Drive,
Metairie, LA., 70001
ebjr@worldnet.att.net
Looking for: Hallicrafters SR-75, 860 tubes
Butternut HV2V antenna, G-R test gear.....*

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "Walter Fairclough" <wfairclo@netcom.ca>
Subject: Hallicrafters Parts Wanted
Message-ID: <199701281934.0AA03099@tor-srs2.netcom.ca>

Trying to restore Hallicrafters SX-71 and SX-43 receivers. Need the following items:

SX-71 - Need cabinet, Reception, Main and Bandsread tuning knobs.

SX-43 - Need S meter, Selectivity knob, Main dial cover, Bandsread dial and cover, 500 ohms 1 watt S meter control pot Hallicrafters Part # 251569 or IRC Part # W-500 or Clarostat Part # 43-500, and a power transformer Hallicrafters Part # 52C143 or Stancor Part # P-6313 or Merit Part # P-2953.

I will consider junkers if they contain the above items.

Thanks for reading.

Walter

Walter Fairclough
Manotick, Ontario
wfairclo@netcom.ca

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: jcall@sirius.com (Jim Carrington)
Subject: Hallicrafters records
Message-ID: <199701280742.XAA22475@mail1.sirius.com>

Here is just a bit of sad trivia folks.
I happended to call an old ham ,W9QAH, back in Wisconsin who was selling an SX-115 thru an add in ER (of course it was long gone), and we got to chatting a bit about Hallicrafters . He mentioned that he had met someone several years ago who was one of the last Hallicrafters employees. This guy told him that the Hallicrafter records etc were stored in a storage unit but at the end Hallicrafters neglected to pay the rent. As a result all of the records were loaded up and taken to a landfill. My guess is not paying the rent was probably an oversite and \$35 or so might have saved this history.

Oh Well
Jim Carrington

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: vancleef@netcom.com (Henry van Cleef)
Subject: Re: HP 200CD
Message-ID: <199701280325.UAA08451@netcom17.netcom.com>

As Deane D McIntyre discourses

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> Gang:

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(200CD)

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> I have had a close look at the resistors mounted on the freq range
> switch. For each freq range there are two 1% precision resistors, one
> half the resistance of the other (i.e. 49 Meg and 24.5 Meg on the X1
> range, 4.9 Meg and 2.45 Meg on the X10 range and so forth) mounted
> on opposite sides of the switch. Each 1% resistor is in series with
> ordinary 1/2 watt 10% carbon resistor. I assume that these 1/2 watters
> were selected to tweak the frequency on each range. I suspect that
> some drift may have occurred and I may have to retweak the resistors
> to give the proper frequency on each range. Any hints?

>

My feeling on this is that when I see trimmed resistors as in the
200CD range setup, it's a real "if it's working, don't fix it."

A good deal of HP equipment is finish-calibrated by trimming. My
experiences with such practices (and yes, I have used them, although
here in the states it attracts ECO writers like honey gets flies) has
been that the "fitters" (to use the British term---I don't think the
US has one) have considerable knowledge of what each one of those trim
points does to the the device, quite beyond anything published in
service manuals. Also, I'd approach it from the same direction that
the original calibration did----the overall performance of the
instrument, not what has happened to individual parts. With a 200CD,
you have highly-interactive tweaks (the trimmers on the tuning cap)
which vary both amplitude and frequency. Some do one more than the
other; others operate in reverse. My experience is that you can
calibrate an old one for constant amplitude or good freq. linearity,
but not both, and I vote for amplitude. If all of the frequency bands
behave about the same, then you can ignore those trimmed resistors.
If you've got a range that is woefully off, then start looking.

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Hank van Cleef

E-mail vancleef@netcom.com or vancleef@tmn.com

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997

From: DCPIN@aol.com

Subject: HT-37

Message-ID: <970128224141_103519216@emout05.mail.aol.com>

Can anyone give me a quick idea what an HT-37 in OK cosmetic and working order might go for? Thinking of buying one in unknown condition and getting it working. Is this transmitter anything special in the Hallicrafter line?

Thanks, Chris K04QW

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: Cal Eustaquio N6KYR <ceustaqu@dot.w6bhz.calpoly.edu>
Subject: Last date of RCA Radiotron printing
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.970128075144.19664A-100000@dot.w6bhz.calpoly.edu>

Hi folks:

Just wanted to know what was the last year of printing of the RCA Radiotron handbook. A friend wants to know. Cal.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: Eugene Rippen <soundval@foothill.net>
Subject: Let's be honest with ourselves
Message-ID: <32EE5AF2.37F5@foothill.net>

Let us be honest with ourselves. When we refer to an item we do not like by words other than normal description, then we intend to be using words that mean and describe inferiority.

"Ricebox" does not mean "Asian Built Gear", "Japanese Radios" "Solid State Equipment" etc. "Ricebox" clearly is used to imply inferiority of Asians, or the expression would never have been used. It is meant to be paired insulting of not only the equipment but also of Asians. It is subterfuge for saying something more like "slant-eyed built garbage" which terms would only be a more obvious insult.

How would it be accepted if Hammarlunds were referred to as "Kraut Cans", or Collins as "Honkie Bible Box". It would be clear that we were insulting Germans or White Christians.

It only makes it worse to say "I didn't intend it to be an insult", when you knew it was an insult, and intended it to be.

Gene

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: "James C. Owen, III" <owen@apollo.eeel.nist.gov>

Subject: RE: Let's be honest with ourselves
Message-ID: <60443.owen@apollo.eeel.nist.gov>

I will make one comment and then shut-up as this is a thread that has no winners and many whiners and is not BA related.

> Let us be honest with ourselves. When we refer to an item we do not
> like by words other than normal description, then we intend to be using
> words that mean and describe inferiority.

That could be and I won't argue this point.

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> "Ricebox" does not mean "Asian Built Gear", "Japanese Radios" "Solid
> State Equipment" etc. "Ricebox" clearly is used to imply inferiority of
> Asians, or the expression would never have been used.

Not really. I remember how the term got started in about 1971. When in the early 70's everyone on 2meters were using GE Progress Lines and Motrac's (BA's today) the Japanese came out with very small 2m SS rigs that started the great influx to 2m. I bought one of the first, the SBE SB-144, a really great little rig and guess what? It was small enough to fit into an Uncle Ben's "Ricebox". Over the years the rigs got bigger and would no longer fit into that ricebox but to me a small 2m rig is a ricebox no matter where it's built. The term originally was never meant to infer a rig of poor quality or an indicator of where made and certainly was not an indicator of a foreign made HF rig but of a small 2m rig that truly would fit in a ricebox.

It is meant to be
insulting of not only the equipment but also of Asians. It is
> subterfuge for saying something more like "slant-eyed built garbage"
> which terms would only be a more obvious insult.

Someone can take just about any term and depending on how they use it can turn it into an insult. This says little about the term or slang and a lot about the person.

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> It only makes it worse to say "I didn't intend it to be an insult", when
> you knew it was an insult, and intended it to be.

>

I take a person at his/her word. If they say they didn't mean an insult then as far as I'm concerned they didn't.

73 Jim K4CGY

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Michael Crestohl <mc@shore.net>
Subject: List of Collins 'S' Line articles.....
Message-ID: <199701282049.PAA21637@northshore.shore.net>

I have been going through my files and found this list of QST articles that may be of interest to the group who are into Collins 'S' Line/KWM-2/2A equipment:

DATE	SUBJECT
Sept 1961	AM with Collins SSB Units
Nov 1961	30L-1 Product Review
Feb 1962	75S-3 Product Review
Apr 1962	Clean AM with 'S' Line
Feb 1963	32S-3 Product Review
June 1963	AM for the KWM-2
Nov 1963	62S-1 Product Review
Dec 1963	Instantaneous Break-In for the 'S' Line
Nov 1964	Cleaner Break-In with the 32S-3
Dec 1964	Transistor Keyer/Muter for the 'S' Line
May 1966	More on 'S' Line Break-In Keying
Apr 1967	Independent Frequency Control with the 32S-1 and 75S-3
Apr 1967	Cross-Band Operation with the 75S-3 & 32S-3
Dec 1968	Further Improvements in the 32S-3
Mar 1969	A CW Filter for the 75S-1
Mar 1973	A Contest Spotting Switch for the 32S-3

Enjoy!

73,

Michael Crestohl, W1RC
w1rc@amsat.org

January 27th 1997

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: rsolomon@tsd.textron.com
Subject: Local BA Sale
Message-ID: <9700288544.AA854494830@cctds.tsd.textron.com>

A local up in New Hampshire listed the following on our packet cluster. Call him, not me. Haven't seen the stuff so caveat emptor.

Collins R-388 w/manual	\$350
Collins R-388, w/ cabinet, matching Jensen Speaker	\$400
BC-348-M (Stromberg Carlson) w/Remler M-257-F Speaker, schematic, 110 VAC	\$200
HQ-180 w/manual	\$275
R-390A w/manual	\$325
SP-600/JX-17 w/manual	\$350
Johnson Valiant w/manual	\$300

Call Norton, KC1BE at 603-753-6046

(Nice collection of gear, just thought it should get wider exposure.)

73, Dick, W1KSZ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Richard E Robinson <rrobins@uncc.edu> (by way of Tom Norris <badger@telalink.net>)
Subject: Re: Mil List Web Page -Over 3300 hits so far!
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19970128215057.0067b84c@telalink.net>

>Tom,
>could you post the web page address again for those of us who have missed it?

>Thanks and 73,
>Rick kf4ar

The address again for the Military Equipment List is -----

<http://telalink.net/~badger/millist/index.html>

thanks again.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: "David M. Upton" <david@wb1cmg.mv.com>
Subject: Re: Modern Radio Labs?
Message-ID: <32ED9DC0.5D4A@wb1cmg.mv.com>

I noticed a recent recommended parts supplier on the list was Modern Radio Labs based in MN. Is this any relation to a company by the same name based in CA? Owner was an old sparks who catered to people building one and two tube receivers and crystal sets. It was one of the few sources of new RF parts for HF Receiver construction until RF got "rediscovered" and much more pricey some few years ago. They also put out some wonderful manuals and instructional material. Owner was abt 90 when I dealt with them in early 70s so I can probably only hope some of the stock survived.

David M. Upton, WB1CMG

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: Al Klase <alklase@prolog.net>
Subject: Re: Modern Radio Labs?
Message-ID: <199701281306.HAA26492@uro.theporch.com>

At 10:05 PM 1/27/97 -0600, you wrote:

>I noticed a recent recommended parts supplier on the list was Modern
>Radio Labs based in MN. Is this any relation to a company by the same
>name based in CA? Owner was an old sparks who catered to people building
>one and two tube receivers and crystal sets.

The original guy was Elmer Osterhoudt, who died about 1987. Someone has picked up the torch and is continuing the tradition. I could use the address if someone would care to repost. BTW, just completed a recreation of an MRL Model 2A xtal set. It is, indeed, a rather clever and effective circuit.

73,

Al

Al Klase - N3FRQ
alklase@prolog.net
Flemington, NJ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "Roberta J. Barmore" <rbarmore@indy.net>
Subject: Re: Modern Radio Labs?
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.970128100642.5968B-100000@indy1>

Hi, gang!

On Mon, 27 Jan 1997, David M. Upton wrote:

> I noticed a recent recommended parts supplier on the list was Modern
> Radio Labs based in MN. Is this any relation to a company by the same
> name based in CA? Owner was an old sparks who catered to people building
> one and two tube receivers and crystal sets.

Yes, it is the same MRL. I've been keeping quiet about it, at the request of the fellow who's running the company now (more as a labor of love than for profit--it barely stays afloat!). He is **very** easily swamped with orders; it can take more than a year to get a catalog. But he does have a good selection of crystal-set and one-tube receiver parts. The famous MRL "celluloid" (acetate, like the cheaper drafting film) coil forms are still available, in a 2" dia xtal-set and ~1.25" four-prong plug-in version. The little kits are out of stock at present.

Elmer Osterhoudt passed away several years ago, in an auto accident. His family preserved the business and the present owner acquired it from them. He's an absolutely FB fellow!

> They also put out some wonderful manuals and instructional material.

Still available, every last one of 'em. Recently remastered and now printed on heavier, acid-free paper, and still pretty cheap--the entire EO library is something like \$40.00. He wasn't much of a draftsman nor the slickest of writers, but there's an awful lot of good dope on topics not often covered in those little handbooks, "detail prints" and other publications.

> Owner was abt 90 when I dealt with them in early 70s so I can
> probably only hope some of the stock survived.

No, EO would've been in his early 80s! :) I spoke with him on the

phone in the late 1970s, by which time his hearing was pretty well shot, but what a great guy! As for the stock, bits and pieces survive--the MRL catalog is nowhere near as fat as it used to be, but there's still a lot of interesting stuff in there, especially if you're interested in one-tube & crystal receivers. (Finding and stocking parts is a major challenge for MRL and present plans are to concentrate on the publications and build up the parts side quite slowly and on an as-possible basis; he'll probably not stock things available elsewhere).

But *please,* oh BA-gang, *please* do not swamp MRL! It was an ongoing problem for EO, somebody'd write up a crystal set in Pop'Tronics or suchlike, and he'd build up a six-month backlog of orders in a week or two, and it's *still* a problem. Present owner is a bit leery of the Internet for that exact reason--with the 'Net, he could get that backlogged in an hour!

73,
--Bobbi
(Satisfied MRL customer since 1975 or so)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: WJoeW@aol.com
Subject: Re: Modern Radio Labs?
Message-ID: <970128182744_1478417972@emout15.mail.aol.com>

Just another note on this thread---

When I was a kid, in the late 1940's, I bought MRL plans and built several MRL xtal sets.

About six months ago, I located the new owner and purchased a complete set of the items missing from my files.

I still have the original MRL book of plans from my boyhood.

I hope that the new owners are able to keep the data alive.

Joe
W5WBR (ex-N5ZYA)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Hal Waite <halwaite@sprintmail.com>
Subject: Re: Need ideas on old magazines/books
Message-ID: <32EDA906.5E50@sprintmail.com>

David L. Thompson wrote:

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> Gang,
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> Any BAer worth his or her salt has a collection of old books and magazines.
> I recently got several sets of radio magazines from the late 40's and need
> ideas of how to keep them together.
>
> There seems to be 2 distinct but related problems:
>
> 1. The cover comes off or almost off the book or magazine.
> 2. The whole book or magazine starts to come apart.
>
> Not being a printer/book binder what is the appropriate glue or product to
> use for 1 and 2 or both.
>
> Send to me directly and I'll summarize.
>
> 73, Dave K4JRB
> thompson@mindspring.com

Several sellers of used books have recommended the product:

Aleene's Original Tacky Glue.

My wife was familiar with this product which is available in craft stores; I have used it with great success. It dries clear and somewhat flexible. Apply to cover the areas (sparingly) and allow several minutes to develop a good tack. Dry under some pressure if possible.

The repair of torn pages is more of an art and requires special tape not available through the usual retail consumer outlets.

Hal K3AB/7 Now the proud owner of the 1935 First Edition of the Radio Handbook!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "Walter L. Marshall" <wmarshall@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Need info,DeForest trainer scope
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.970128150054.9864C-1000000@cap1.capaccess.org>

Dear Anchorists,

I have a DeForest training scope. Old. Open chassis.
Three tubes and crt. Deco front panel. 2AP1 crt.

Does anybody know anything about these? Have you seen one? Do you know someone who has seen one? Or are they so common that you thought I should know.

Should I call Sothebys' or Good Will?

Thank you,

Walter

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: kheimbach <heimbach@concentric.net>
Subject: Need information and advice re Swan 350C
Message-ID: <32EE0387.4F1A@concentric.net>

Hello gang,

Last October, I picked up a reasonably clean Swan 350C and power supply at a hamfest. The thing drifted like mad initially, but after recapping both the rig and the power supply, the drift disappeared. I also did a complete alignment and now have a pretty nice radio.

No doubt at least one of my questions is probably answered in the 350C manual, but unfortunately, I got the manual for the 350. Here goes:

1) I am unable to get semi-breakin CW with the Swan VX-2 VOX unit. Works just fine on phone though. Is it possible to get semi-breakin in the 350C? I'm told that the Swan 350 needed modification for semi-breakin.

2) The S-meter deflects from right to left, although the meter scale is marked for left to right. The 350 manual indicates right to left deflection is correct. Should the 350C behave like the 350? (I've replaced the bridge diode and checked various resistances with no affect.)

Any help is certainly appreciated.

Tnx... de Karl - W5QJ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: "Jim Zellmer" <zellmer@raccoon.com>
Subject: Need Manual for ELMAC PMR-6A Receiver
Message-ID: <199701280349.VAA07905@slip1.raccoon.com>

I recently picked up a ELMAC PMR-6A Receiver at a auciton. Its a little rough but looks like it should make a good companion for my ELMAC AF-67 XMTR.

Does any one in boat anchor land have a copy?

73 ES GOD BLESS U ES URS

JIM ZELLMER, KA0VSL

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Stefan A Schulz <sas1757@tntech.edu>
Subject: Need tuning tips for r-390a
Message-ID: <Pine.PMDF.3.91.970128014916.539031876A-100000@tntech.edu>

Dear hollowstatophiles,

I am a neophyte DX wannabee. I have collected various rinkydink shortwave sets and I have a Lowe Hf-150 (Wow! the best sounding sandrunner around. which BTW I am getting rid of it in fav of more BA's) I'm addicted. Well, to get to the point. The first radio I've ever used was a radiosnack dX-390. I never got around to understanding all about tuning signals properly. Ya know, how to tune to the proper sideband (CW); how to tune in SSB with a BFO not using LSB modes etc... I previously just fiddled until I got what sound I wanted not lets say the precise freq being broadcast. I really know where to hear it I just want to do it right. Like for instance, The BFO replaces the carrier thats being suppressed or non existant, right? So, does that mean that the receive freq is the dial freq +/- BFO freq? I seem to have problems tuning SSB with my R-390a because I seem not able to work the filter (due to QRM) and the BFO at the same time to acheive fast tuning with good sound. Now, I know what I'm asking is how to drive a manual Porche when I used to driving an automatic Ford. So, If there is anybody wishing to invest a lecture for all neophyte BA DXers wannabees (gee what a mouth full say that five times fa...), please let me know I can't get enough info on how to use a radio the right way.

BA neophyte
Stefan
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Cookeville TN 38505
SAS1757@gemini.tntech.edu

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Richard Hager <rhager@millcomm.com>
Subject: Never mind.
Message-ID: <32EDD349.6DB2@millcomm.com>

My apologies to the group for adding to the clutter here.

My recent posting on the term 'ricebox' was -not- due to me being personally offended or 'politically correct'. It was motivated from being told by several of our overseas friends that they are reluctant to contribute here due to the constant use of derogatory terms that include

cultural references, like 'ricebox' for example.

Apparently, what some people feel is completely 'OK', others find to be inconsiderate and hurtful.

Nevertheless, I should have sent this feedback from our international friends to Jack, and not published it here. My mistake. I again apologize for starting this particular clutter, and ask that you direct any further comments directly to me, NOT to the list. I'm the one who deserves this headache, not the listowner or the list.

Thank you,
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Richard Hager

+ Ah-ha! Design Group, Inc. -
+ Precision CNC Technology, since 1991 -
+ 612-641-1797, Fax: 612-641-8681 -
+ "I just like to make things" So... -
+ ...please call Ah-ha! directly for CNC info -
+ <http://www.millcomm.com/~ahha> email: ahha@millcomm.com -

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: David Prince <davprin@gil.com.au>
Subject: Re: PE-98F / wha-id-ith?
Message-ID: <32EE8B7A.3D04@gil.com.au>

Marty Reynolds wrote:

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> Dynamotor in a box, big. 14V 20A in, 13.6V 3A out (???-true), -150V
> 60 ma, 300V 200ma. 1944 Dayton contract to Electrolux.
>
> Is this another BC-191 part out of the Martin Bolo B18A bomber? That's all
> I seem to find these days
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> M

According to my database of military equipment, the PE-98* Dynamotor unit was for the SCR-542 which was the 12 volt version of the SCR-522 VHF AM Transmitter/receiver.

de VK4KDP
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Dave Prince
davprin@gil.co.au

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: bjacob@iofc.com
Subject: PLEASE -- CAN WE END THIS THREAD?
Message-ID: <199701290011.LAA00580@iofc.com>

Yes,

PLEASE let us end this thread.

I am an ardent fan of the old BA stuff from a bygone era, and yes I do own a YAESU FT-900/CAT, as well as the YAESU FT-101E (a hybrid BA since it does employ three toooobes). I shamelessly admit that these two radios work very well for their intended purpose.

I suspect that if truth be told, a lot of us have one or two of these set stashed away somewhere. Probably even use them from time-to-time!

So, please let us end this thread, and get back to the more important subject at hand....OLD T000BE STUFF!

73S,

Jacob
K4HJ

> Date: Tue, 28 Jan 1997 14:26:07 -0600 (CST)
> Reply-to: johnmb@mindspring.com
> From: John <johnmb@mindspring.com>
> To: Multiple recipients of list <boatanchors@theporch.com>
> Subject: PLEASE end the thread !!!

> Please take the "what do we call import radios"
> thread offline.... it's a recurrent rathole on this list, and
> has nothing to do with the intent of the reflector.
>
> PLEASE let it drop. Again!
> /John

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: John <johnmb@mindspring.com>
Subject: PLEASE end the thread !!!

Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19970128201925.00756544@pop.mindspring.com>

Please take the "what do we call import radios" thread offline.... it's a recurrent rathole on this list, and has nothing to do with the intent of the reflector.

PLEASE let it drop. Again!
/John

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "Gene S. Katz" <gkatz@motown.lmco.com>
Subject: Politically Correct Names
Message-ID: <Chameleon.970128152944.gkatz@pc062164.motown.lmco.com>

Name: Gene Katz
E-mail: gkatz@motown.lmco.com
From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: "Lon W. Cottingham" <k5jv@swwweb.net>
Subject: R-388, 51J series power transformer wanted
Message-ID: <32EEC3AC.7320@swwweb.net>

Greetings to All,

I will pay cash or trade for an R-388, 51J series power transformer.
Will consider entire parts unit.

73 de Lon, K5JV

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: David Prince <davprin@gil.com.au>
Subject: R-390 and R-390A
Message-ID: <32EEB740.4CBB@gil.com.au>

In the near future I will start restoring an R-390A rx made by Amelco Inc. Serial # 2540 on Contract # 35064-PC-62

My question is - What are the differences between the R-390 and the "A" model. I have the Operating and Maintenance Manuals for an R-390 and there is no mention of the "A" model in them. Do I really need Manuals for the R-390A or are my manuals sufficient.

de VK4KDP

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Dave Prince
davprin@gil.co.au

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: djhutch@concentric.net
Subject: R-4C Comments
Message-ID: <32EE209E.7F3F@concentric.net>

I want to chime in on the quality of the Drake R-4C receiver. The R-4C is one "smoooooooooth" receiver. Best of all the company is still in business and enthusiastically supports their products. Every time I have called Drake with questions about schematics, parts, manuals and the like I have always been treated very well. The Drake people know there are a lot of amateurs still using their discontinued products and my sense is is that they truly enjoy pleasing this community of customers.

73's

Dave Hutchison K9HT

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: David Medley <davemed@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: R390 Guru Needed
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19970128174648.00729da4@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>

Hi Gang. Well I have been working on the EAC R390A just received and need a little help/advice.

The radio was Versa Packed but I think it must have been dropped off a 3 storey building. The packing box was a writeoff but the radio was in pretty good shape. It had been dropped on its right rear corner and the bottom cover and the right side panel were badly bent. On hooking the radio up it played rather well, at least as well as a Miltronics Stewart Warner radio I had here. (Says a lot for this radios rugged design and construction). So I decided it was not worth the hassle of trying to get some compensation from UPS and figured I could deal with the mechanical damage. So this afternoon I removed the right side panel and with very patient use of a bench vise and a rubber hammer I have done a pretty good job.

Now to the nitty gritty. I have found over the years when you come on something at a good price there is usually some major problem which is not immediately obvious and quite often not known to the seller. In this case I found the antenna trim control VERY stiff and assumed it was just some simple problem of alignment and/or lubrication. How wrong can you be!! So first I tried to loosen the drive gear and received my first set back.

Someone who did not have the correct tool had tried this before and messed up the setscrews (both of them). Normally this is a pretty major disaster but at a recent ham meeting I came away with a little tube of stuff called "Screw Grab". This stuff is not only magic but it has saved my sanity on more than one occasion. So I apply this stuff and low and behold in a flash I have the two screws and the drive gear loose. On close inspection now I soon saw the real problem. The gear attached to the shaft of the tuning capacitor is really badly burred up and this is why the system is binding. This gear appears to be pinned onto the shaft which looks like some kind of fiber. It is not metal. So now I am really in trouble and need some advice before I go any further. This seems to be what I have to do:

1. Find a new set of gears.
 2. Get some instruction as to how to remove the damaged one. This would appear to involve the removal of the whole tuning assembly and my manual is silent on this subject.
- A better solution would be to find a complete antenna tuning assembly and just replace the whole thing?

I am really pleased with this radio and would like it to be just right. It has Collins filters and all JAN tubes. The tuning gears look as if they have been little used and the knobs show no sign of wear so I conclude this radio probably spent its life in a rack somewhere tuned to a single frequency. The original contact was by the Signal Corps in 1967.

Would really appreciate some help Guys
Regards
Dave

David Medley KI6QE/7 VK2IMJ
davemed@worldnet.att.net
Tucson Arizona

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: bdhall@ghg.net (Benjamin D. Hall)
Subject: Re: R390 Guru Needed
Message-ID: <32EEA950.677B@GHG.net>

David Medley wrote:

> soon saw the real problem. The gear attached to the shaft of the tuning
> capacitor is really badly burred up and this is why the system is binding.

I just took a look at those gears in my R-725, it just might be possible to get in there with a thin needle file, and you could file the worst of those burrs which would probably improve things greatly. It would take a whole lot of patience, but would probably be cheaper and easier than

replacing the whole thing. Or, if that doesn't work, maybe Fair Radio can sell you a replacement unit?

I wonder how those burrs got on there in the first place...

73,
Ben
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From the computer of	Collector of fine firebottle
Benjamin D. Hall, Houston Texas	equipment, as well as other things
BDHall@GHG.net (home) -or-	involving Earth, Air, Water, and
Benjamin.D.Hall1@JSC.NASA.gov	Fire.

PLEASE NOTE MY NEW HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS above. My old address, BDHALL@GHGCorp.com, will still work for a period of time however.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Michael Crestohl <mc@shore.net>
Subject: Radiotron Designer's Handbook, 4th Ed. two versions....
Message-ID: <199701281234.HAA02238@northshore.shore.net>

Hello John & Gang:

My copy was printed in 1957, has 1498 pages including a 23-page supplement that is after the index. Is this the version that you were referring to?

73,

Michael, W1RC
mc@shore.net

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: jkh@lexis-nexis.com (John Heck)
Subject: RCA Radiogram
Message-ID: <9701281429.AA12029@beans.lexis-nexis.com>

Folks,
I picked up a very interesting item at an antique show over last weekend which I would like to share with the group. Even though it's not *strictly* a BA nuts and bolts thing it's got an unmistakable boatanchor quality to it that I found appealing. The item is a two page "RADIOMARINE CORPORATION of AMERICA RADIOGRAM", 11 by 14 format with a large, bright red letterhead. The radiogram is from the sparks on-

board the SS Shickshinny, and was mailed from Savannah sometime in 1932. The fellow signs his name Paul "Sparky" Szabo, and seems to be a young man serving as the radio operator on the Shickshinny. Paul is writing to a former instructor at an avionics school in Oklahoma. The letter is surprisingly well written, and in it Paul describes his experiences in trying to purchase an airplane, and about his life in general. Unfortunately, not much about his shipboard duties, though.

I thought the letter was pretty interesting, and of mild historical interest from the wireless point of view. I'm going to take it up to the Kinko's copies and see what it would take to make color copies, and have a few made. I'd like to share it with anybody who would want a copy. If you would like one please let me know (so I'll know how many to have made) and send me a 11x14 legal sized, self addressed stamped envelope (there will only be 3 sheets), if you don't want it folded, or a regular business SASE if you don't care if its folded, and I'll send you one as soon as I get the copies made. No charge for this, of course, I'm sure copies will be cheap.

Regards,
John Heck, KC8ETS
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jkh@lexis-nexis.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: Ho4bart@aol.com
Subject: Re: RCA Radiogram
Message-ID: <970128140020_2024799656@emout09.mail.aol.com>

In a message dated 97-01-28 09:31:46 EST, jkh@lexis-nexis.com (John Heck) writes:

<< Even though it's not *strictly* a BA nuts and bolts thing it's got an unmistakable boatanchor quality to it that I found appeal- >>

i'll keep this short. i bot some papers years ago from an estate and the owner had been a real paper enthusiast: there were new unused pads of radiotelegraph blanks, Mackay, RCA, US Navy, etc. this kind of paper item is attractive and has a lot of early radiocomm nostalgia value. small tip: if your town has any indoor antique shows or better yet a paper collector's meet, and you dig this kind of

collectible, attend and look thru postcards. if you are lucky you may find postcards showing broadcast radio aerials, big navy comm stations and such. ham radio qsl's have less "eye appeal" to the less technical so they are priced less. but they can make some really interesting reading when for example you read about working australia in 1931 with a 0-v-1 receiver (i.e. no rf + one detector + one audio=2 tubes total) and a type 10 xmtr with RAC (i.e. "Raw AC") on the plate. (Raw AC has more vitamins). prices for cards generally aren't a real giveaway, usual radio station postcards \$2-7 each, early broadcast radio receiver photo postcards maybe a multiple of this; hamcards are less -- unless they have some neat art -- and go less than a dollar to maybe a couple bucks. sometimes the seller will give you a deal on a stack o' QSLs just to move them. and: if you own em, don't hang em up, even in plastic carriers, the light will eventually fade them out. if you like old QSTs, Radio Craft, & so on you might like these too. hue miller

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: w7ni@teleport.com (Stan Griffiths)
Subject: Re: RE : TEK SCOPES
Message-ID: <199701281744.JAA16762@kim.teleport.com>

> There should be a little roll of special solder concealed inside the
>'scope on a small plastic reel. It is specially formulated for the ceramic
>"plated" terminal strips.
>Anything else (regular solder) ruins the plating. It may be missing if
>someone swiped it outta the scope. (A stupid move!) My little 321 Tek
>still has it.
>73,
>E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW

I have those little reels of solder with about three feet of the "right stuff" wound on them for 50 cents each in case yours is missing. It costs too much just to send you one spool, however, about a buck. Think about it when you need a book or a handle or another part from me.

Stan w7ni@teleport.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: gpewitt@execpc.com
Subject: Rice Boxes
Message-ID: <Chameleon.970128193027.gpewitt@execpc.com.execpc.com>

OK guys and gals, I'm afraid I started this thing and now it's time to end it. I grew up in Japan. My little brother is

Japanese. I have several rice boxes and use them. They are well made and perform superbly. I drive a rice rocket. Mazda RX-7, and love it. To me a rice box is a Japanese radio. Period. I do -not- apologize for the affectionate use of the term. The Japanese do not need anyone to defend them, they are doing quite well on their own. Enough already.
73 to -everyone- Gary

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "Walter L. Marshall" <wmarshall@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Ricebox, not
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.970128103817.21220C-100000@cap1.capaccess.org>

Dear People,
How about "Scrapbox." The Bic lighters of radio.
Walter

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Eugene Rippen <soundval@foothill.net>
Subject: Ricebox, NOT- Sand Box, YES?
Message-ID: <32ED7131.7C1E@foothill.net>

Richard Hager wrote:

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> People, can we clean up our act a little?

> The word 'ricebox' is not something to be proud of using. It is not
> funny. If you had an Asian neighbor who was also a BA nut and a friend
> of yours, you would not use 'ricebox' in conversation with him. You
> would be much more considerate than that.

How about "Sand Boxes".

In the same spirit the word "Jap" is offensive. I really do not understand how that came to be, however it is offensive, to Japanese. So why don't we be considerate and not use the word. The meaning and offensive nature of expressions change, it is no big a deal to be willing to change with them. Remember: "gay", "queer", "colored" the meanings have changed. I remember 50 years ago in Texas, blacks wanted to be called "colored", certainly not "black".

I like Hollow State, and I may not be willing change to using "Sand

Boxes" (I like cats too, I hope this doesn't offend them.), but I'm willing to accept the changes in people.

Gene

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Eugene Rippen <soundval@foothill.net>
Subject: Re: Ricebox, NOT- Sand Box, YES?
Message-ID: <32ED725C.23B8@foothill.net>

Eugene Rippen wrote:

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> Richard Hager wrote:
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: Re: Ricebox, NOT- Sand Box, YES?
Message-ID: <19970128052133.AAA3045@LOCALNAME>

At 03:24 AM 1/28/97 +0000, you wrote:

>Richard Hager wrote:

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>Boxes" (I like cats too, I hope this doesn't offend them.), but I'm
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>

>Gene

>

Hey! I LIKE that! "Sand Boxes" it is! Just remember, you can tear
up a "BA" and make something else out of it. If you tear up a Japanese
"sandbox", ain't nothin' else you can do with the pieces! Gimme my old
"parts/terminal strips/sockets/discrete parts/ and toobs!"

73,

E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW

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Looking for: Hallicrafters SR-75, 860 tubes

Butternut HV2V antenna, G-R test gear.....*

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997

From: bdhall@ghg.net (Benjamin D. Hall)

Subject: Re: Ricebox? NOT

Message-ID: <32ED6BD7.3F3D@GHG.net>

Richard Hager wrote:

> There just -has- to be another easy-to-use word that describes modern
> imported rigs, but doesn't insult an entire area of the planet! Let's
> try to find -that- word, and use it instead. Maybe plasticbox, or
> cheapbox, or something that describes THE RIG, instead of putting a slur
> on the people.

I've never liked ricebox, but I must admit I've used the term to
describe radios of the non-BA variety. Sooo00000oooo, in an effort to
reform my karma and get my chi back into alignment...

I propose a contest: Come up with a word that describes those sinful,
evul, too lightwieght for their own good radios! Some rules:

- 1) It must be creative. "Ricebox", while being derogatory just isn't
that creative.
- 2) Make it funny! Like calling "Black Beauty" caps "Black Uglies", or

reffering to cold beers as "cold 807's." I want to be entertained! (oh yes, I'm such a TV generation child)

3) Let's keep it clean, but lets kick solid state butt!

Personally, I think I might take a liking to calling them sandboxes, as real men and women don't play with sandboxes! ;) heh heh heh

The prize: I don't know, I'll come up with some wonderful prize from my junquebox or something... Maybe a ten turn pot, or 5R4 tube or something like that...

So, send your entries to BDHall@ghg.net to keep the list free from clutter. I'll whittle them down to ten favorites based on originallity, creativeness, humor, and the ever popular swim suit competition. I like bikini's, so keep that in mind... I'll post them to Ba and the winner will be the term that makes it into the BA language...

Thanks and 73,

Ben

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From the computer of | Collector of fine firebottle
Benjamin D. Hall, Houston Texas | equipment, as well as other things
BDHall@GHG.net (home) -or- | involving Earth, Air, Water, and
Benjamin.D.Hall1@JSC.NASA.gov | Fire.

PLEASE NOTE MY NEW HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS above. My old address, BDHALL@GHGCorp.com, will still work for a period of time however.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997

From: vancleef@netcom.com (Henry van Cleef)

Subject: Re: Ricebox? NOT

Message-ID: <199701280412.VAA16819@netcom17.netcom.com>

As Richard Hager discourses

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> People, can we clean up our act a little?

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> The word 'ricebox' is not something to be proud of using. It is not
> funny. If you had an Asian neighbor who was also a BA nut and a friend
> of yours, you would not use 'ricebox' in conversation with him. You
> would be much more considerate than that.

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Nothing like a little political correctness, I say.

"How many Americans does it take to change a light bulb?"

A. Four, all not feminists.
One to write the work order.
One to prepare the process sheet.
One to change the bulb.
One to file the environmental impact statement.

Q. "How many feminists does it take to change a light bulb?"

A. THAT;S NOT FUNNY!

Reminds me of the time I had steady work coming my way from a Japanese outfit that had an operation in the states. The chief engineer (a native Japanese) came up to me one day and told me he had a project that might be one I could do for him, but it had a few problems attached. Turns out that problem no. 1 was that the customer (from far-off lands) had written a contract with terms and conditions that included:

Parts lists shall include country of origin of each part item specified.

No American parts to be used in manufacture.

And so forth. We had a good laugh at this, and I told him that last time I'd checked the in-house stock list, all of the small electrical parts were clearly marked "made in (some non-US country)." There was a cover letter, with comments to the effect that "we don't want no steenking cheap Mellican Junque parts, and we expect superior Japanese engineering" etc. etc. The mechanical project engineer (a native Vermont Yankee) and I assured him that there wouldn't be a whiff indicating that the whole thing hadn't been conceived and built East of Bar Harbor and West of the Golden Gate. And so it was. 100% metric, mechanically, 50 Hz 230 volt mains power (with European cord set), parts from France, Germany, Switzerland, Taiwan, Singapore, and I think we even looked for some parts marked in Cyrillic. After we got it built and tested, we had to disassemble it and ship it as parts to Japan, where it was duly "assembled" from the "kit" and used as a first article to sell off to the customer for the production run. I think most of the parts we used came out of the local Hamilton-Avnet warehouse.

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Hank van Cleef
E-mail vancleef@netcom.com or vancleef@tmn.com
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Mike Toneri <toneri@ils.net>
Subject: Re: Ricebox? NOT
Message-ID: <199701280418.XAA22955@server1.ils.net>

I would call the UJR's - Universal Japanese Radios - since they all seem to be about the same these days.
..Mike VE3FGU

Mike & Lynda Toneri E-mail: toneri@ils.net

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Hal Waite <halwaite@sprintmail.com>
Subject: Re: Ricebox? NOT
Message-ID: <32EDB0D8.6C80@sprintmail.com>

Richard Hager wrote:

>
> People, can we clean up our act a little?
>
> This list goes all over the world, and the joy we get from this wonderful
> hobby is shared by people of many different backgrounds and cultures.
> That's a -good- thing, as it brings us all together a little.
>
> The word 'ricebox' is not something to be proud of using. It is not
> funny. If you had an Asian neighbor who was also a BA nut and a friend
> of yours, you would not use 'ricebox' in conversation with him. You
> would be much more considerate than that.
>
> Also, if you were speaking at a symposium where several in the audience
> were asian and had made a special effort to be there to hear your words,
> you would not use 'ricebox' in your speech, right? No, you'd make an
> effort to be much more polite than that.
>
> Ergo, it is every bit as inappropriate here on BA, as this list is a
> 'symposium among friends' as it were. Friends from ALL over the world.
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> I like to think of us as being just a bit more polite and considerate
> than the average american internet slob, but every time I see that word
> in a posting, it makes me embarassed to be here.
>
> There just -has- to be another easy-to-use word that describes modern
> imported rigs, but doesn't insult an entire area of the planet! Let's

> try to find -that- word, and use it instead. Maybe plasticbox, or
> cheapbox, or something that describes THE RIG, instead of putting a slur
> on the people.
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> Thanks,
>
> Richard

I must respond to this request to "clean up our act". This lengthly tirade by the Thought Police enforcing whatever is believed to be politically correct is not justified. Richard, you overextend yourself to be offended at this innocuous reference.

Hal K3AB/7

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: KA9EGW@aol.com
Subject: Re: Ricebox? NOT
Message-ID: <970127221244_1692951343@emout04.mail.aol.com>

I like "sandbox", especially since I keep cats...
73

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: jproc@bellglobal.com
Subject: Re: Ricebox? NOT
Message-ID: <Chameleon.4.01.2.970128002840.jproc@>

>Personally, I think I might take a liking to calling them sandboxes, as
>real men and women don't play with sandboxes! ;) heh heh heh

Folks,

I most definitely agree the initiative to stop calling Japanese radio gear by a derogatory term. Too bad it didn't materialize sooner.

What about all of the 'clunkers' that have been produced in North America both of the firebottle variety and sandbox type? (ie Eico 7 drift three). What name should we assign to those products or instead, should we label the people who made them? Much as we like some of our military Boatanchors, many of those World War 2 designs were pure garbage even back then. Just ask some of the folks who actually used the gear.

This 'naming' contest is rather silly. Why don't we just call out a piece of equipment by its rightful model number or point at the company if we feel

that it has been designed or manufactured poorly. That's fair game! All electronic manufacturers in many nations have at one time or another produced a product or a line of products that may have been an embarrassment to their engineering capability. No single nation or group owns the monopoly on products which do not always perform or meet the expectations of the marketplace. As long as you make more good products than bad, you get to stay in business.

Regards,

Jerry Proc VE3FAB
E-mail: jproc@bellglobal.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: berg stephen erik <z931086@corn.cso.niu.edu>
Subject: Rigs for sale!! (fwd)
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9701280937.A2697-0100000@corn.cso.niu.edu>

This was posted on the VHF reflector. All non-Collins stuff has been edited out by Yours truly.

2 S- lines for sale:

32 S1, 75S1 and 516 F2 pwr supply/spkr--\$750.00

32 S1, 75S1 with 36P1 N/Blanker, 516 F2 pwr supply/spkr---\$650.00

You can reach Leo at 310/670-6969 .

Tnx 1 & all
de W6YLZ

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Human list administrator: vhf-approval@w6yx.stanford.edu

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: bdhall@ghg.net (Benjamin D. Hall)
Subject: Sandboxes, etc...
Message-ID: <32EE5538.56D9@ghgcorp.com>

Hi Folks, I swore my first post was going to be my only post on the subject. But, people have misconstrued the point of my post.

My problem with "riceboxes" is that it just isn't creative enough, the other concerns are secondary. We are a creative group! Let's find something that is funnier and more accurately describes modern radio gear. Last time I checked, I saw Made in Mexico and Made in Mississippi on the ham gear I looked at to go along with made in Japan, Taiwan, Singnapore, and Hong Kong. Is a Drake R-8A a ricebox? No, but it is definately a sandbox!

I thought it would be neat to have a contest to come up with a cool replacement, and I've been called silly amoung other things. Well folks, I'll admit to being silly. Heck, I'll admit to being downright looney. Lighten up folks, life is too short to be serious all the time.

Maybe it is key to not let things like this bother you? I don't let Polish jokes bother me, and I'm so Polish I've got a Polish flag hanging in my living room (yes, it is right side up!)... Mostly becuae that just leaves more pierogies and kielbasa for me!

73,
Benjamin Danko Skorupski Hall

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Benjamin D. Hall, Houston Texas - Junque collector extraordinaire.
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*** PLEASE NOTE NEW HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE. ***

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Peter Ferrand <petef@sprynet.com>
Subject: Re: Screw / R390 Guru Needed
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19970128212339.006e9e38@m3.sprynet.com>

At 06:47 PM 1/28/97 -0600, David Medley wrote:
>but at a recent ham meeting I came away with a little tube of stuff called
>"Screw Grab". This stuff is not only magic but it has saved my sanity on

Sorry I can't help with the 390 issue, but please tell us about "Screw Grab".

I never heard of it. Who makes it and how do you use it?

-Pete
WB2QLL
petef@sprynet.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: billo@nti.net (Bill Wilson)
Subject: Stewart Warner R392 for sale...
Message-ID: <19970128031230637.AAA43@LOCALNAME>

I have a nice Stewart Warner R-392 for sale. It has the solid state plug-in for the audio tube, audio plug, homebrew power supply and power plug. Asking \$155 plus shipping. The rig works fine.

Bill
AC4LC
EMAIL; billo@nti.net
Jacksonville, Al. 36265

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: George Humphrey <gah@koyote.com>
Subject: Tandy Warehouse Sat Sale
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19970128050715.00974580@mail.koyote.com>

DFW BAers,

After hearing about the Tandy Sale every third Sat and not being able to make the 125 mile one way trip to Ft. Worth for three months, I finally got to go last Saturday. No one was there. Are they still having the sales? When?

Thanks,

73 George KC5WBV
gah@koyote.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: sinned@VNET.IBM.COM
Subject: terminology & radios
Message-ID: <199701281811.MAA05031@uro.theporch.com>

Are we to assume that only english speaking Americans use slang? Surely we are not the only culture with such terms. Who among us would really be "offended" if we discovered that American radios were refered to as "apple pie boxes" by people who are not in America? The sales of imported radios doesn't seem to be harmed by this slang.

Dennis W5FRS

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: W9FS@aol.com
Subject: Re: THE "R***BOX" NONSENSE
Message-ID: <970128135632_1420967953@emout13.mail.aol.com>

Is it really nonsense? If you find out it is offensive to someone stop-it, use something else or hold it back. What has gotten into people? what is wrong with being nice and polite around other people, question, do you eat with your mouth open and smack your lips (making more noise than a HOG) in public? Do you bealch<sic> in people's faces? How about passing gas in public? Didn't your momma teach you, there are just somethings you shouldn't do!, Why? because some people just look down on some things, and the person looking down could be your boss. I for one don't see anything wrong with being nice, I will not use the term again. I would like to add, in the past if I have used it and it has bothered you, forgive me, I'm sorry. It has never been my intent to offend anyone.

Jerry W9FS

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: arc5@ix.netcom.com (David Stinson)
Subject: THE "RICEBOX" NONSENSE
Message-ID: <199701281006.CAA14743@dfw-ix4.ix.netcom.com>

You know, we've all been bombarded with New-Age horse hockey until our eyes are crossed, but this drivel takes the cake. People are soooooo ready to be a poor victim or a P.C. rescuer. So many walking around with this big chip on their sholders and yelling:
"Please offend me so I can be indignant!"

Well, if there's anything that doesn't belong here, it's self-appointed speech police fighting for Truth, Justice and the Berkley way, huffing around and giving *PUBLIC* dressings-down on the list. Take your oh-so-tender feelings private, friends.

I am going to continue to call them "riceboxes." I am going to continue to call a P-38 a "Zero killer." Anyone who wishes to waste his precious life energy getting offended by such trivial nonsense certainly has my blessing.

This whole thread has really been silly. Blacks don't like to be called negroes, whites don't like to be called honkies, Italians don't like to be called Wops, and I don't like my middle name. We can't solve that problem here. If a radio is made in Japan, what are you supposed to call it? A radio that was made in the far east? Get real....

I'll stick with rice-burners.. people with thin skin need to toughen up!

Ronnie - W5SUM

p.s. - boatanchors? sounds like a good name to me, most of the gear I've traded for lately is exactly that!! sheesh...

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "Walter L. Marshall" <wmarshall@CapAccess.org>
Subject: The name game
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.970128142559.22804D-100000@cap1.capaccess.org>

Please don't call those American radios "cracker boxes."
Woodchuck

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: "Allan Fritsche" <fritsche@msn.com>
Subject: Trade SX-101A knob for SX-101
Message-ID: <UPMAIL03.199701290133040338@msn.com>

Hey Gang, After posting a need for a Halli SX-101 BFO knob, finally one of the list guys (is this proper using "guys") sent me a SX-101A BFO pitch knob. Great Day in the morning, I said, Now my little(LITTLE) SX-101 MKIII is like new.

WRONG, The knobs changed style from the 101 to the A model.
The SX-101 MKIII had kaNobs like the S-85, etc. You really have to look close in Dachis book to see the difference.
So with that said, Anybody got a trade , one for one.
BTW, If you look really close, the MKIII had the old Halli emblem by the main tuning knob and the A model did away with it.

As I type this, I looked behind me to spy my little canoes and the S-85 knobs with a little drilling could make it work, but then, I would be looking

for S-85 knobs.
Can't win for losing.

Please respond if you would like a trade.
Al
fritsche@msn.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: Russell_Schroeder@xn.xerox.com (Schroeder,Russell G)
Subject: Wanted: Command Transmitter Parts
Message-ID: <"<BF37EE328190677C>BF37EE328190677C@X-WB-0207-MS2.XN"@-SMF->

Hollowstaters,

With all the talk about the 160 meter contest going about, I thought it might be a good idea to try and finish a project I started several weeks ago. I had started to build a 160 meter Command transmitter from several hulks. Rewound the ocsillator and final coils and proceeded to start testing the result. The oscillator covered approximately 1750 kc to 2150 kc and appears to be very stable. The final testing didn't get off to a great start until I discovered a bad 1625 as well as some additional parts that I overlooked while piecing the hulks together. The final tracking was accomplished with little difficulty. The plate dip doesn't vary over the total range. So far so good.

This brings me to the present need of parts to complete the transmitter. If anyone would have a hulk laying around, I am looking for the following pieces:

- Antenna loading coil assembly + sliding contact assembly (any freq)
- Front cover for antenna loading coil (viewing window)
- Bottom cover
- Antenna connector
- Selector relay (OK - so I'm asking for the world!)

As you can probably guess, I am not doing a restoration, just trying to get a working unit on 160. The hope is to complete this unit to mate up with the other two working transmitters on 80 and 40. None of the units are pretty but they sure do work well. Thanks for reading my ramblings.

73 Russ W2DYY

Russell_Schroeder@xn.xerox.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997

From: ARONGV@aol.com
Subject: What's In A Name?
Message-ID: <970128134144_135932533@emout05.mail.aol.com>

Hi Gang:

I swore I was going to stay out of this, but ye verily, I think me nose has been tweaked!

Gee, I wonder if Heathkit gave a hang that their little 6 and 2 meter rigs were referred to as "Benton Harbor Lunch Buckets."
(I'll bet they applauded.)

So we can't have any more "cold 807s," we'll apologize to the inventor of the first "Sloppy Side Bucket" rig, and none of should be called "Hams." I'm quite certain those who consider themselves atop this "amateur" world offended because of their professional approach to this "hobby," which we all know sometimes is a lot more like a disease. (Just can't stop buying syndrome!) For others it's a lot more like a business.

In recent times, I've heard about how so many sports teams are being verbally attacked by those who, being politically correct, don't want the Washington football team to be called the "Redskins." Or Ted Turner's team being called the "Braves," etc.

Being a paltry 1/8th Cherokee Indian, I love all those names. They seem to stand for things all red-blooded men would like to be known by. After all, think of your favorite local team a moment. Then, eliminate its mascot name and replace it with ANY of the ethnic names you can think of and see how you think that would fly.

This discourse just goes to show how ridiculous this subject really is. Can we now get back to being electronically correct BAs and leave everyone to their own opinions that actually have no place on this list? And that includes mine, too!

Ron

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: "Walter L. Marshall" <wmarshall@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Re: What's In A Name?
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91-FP.970128140254.22804A-100000@cap1.capaccess.org>

Dear Girls and Guys,
Why not ask the Japaneese?

Woodchuck

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 06:40:06 1997
From: Paul Nelson <drhydro@ames.net>
Subject: Winterset, IA swap.....
Message-ID: <l03010d01af12e1699b27@[1.1.1.1]>

>What Paul Nelson neglected to mention (perhaps it was because he is a late
>arriver??) were the presence of the infamous DOW-KEY relays both UHF
>connector
>model N.I.B. and several with "N" fittings (all 110Vac coils). The used ones
>were offered at \$15 and no takers!!>>

>Also a nice NC-88 for \$60, a HQ-145 (with original manual) for \$45, a
>Drake 2-B
>with 2-BQ AND the 2-LF 160 meter converter at \$130, a Hallicrafters SX-43 w/
>R-44 speaker for \$85, Drake MN-2000 at \$175, TR-4C w/ RV-4C and AC-4, and the
>usual assortment of riceboxes.

>Items that did follow me home were: an EF Johnson Ranger, a National SOJ-2 in
>the original box with instructions and warranty card and a PALCO Bantam 65.

>Paul, you gotta start getting up earlier!!!

>73

>Al, K0AL

Aw. Al. Harrumph. You're right, of course.... I saw the Drake stuff, AND
the dow-key relays, but the coffee they served there was too weak to make
me wake up and take note... so where did YOU find YOUR coffee? Gads, a guy
gets up probably a couple hours before I do to drive an hour longer and
gets there before me... there are limits! Hah, you didn't get the TU-8B!
(o'course, you probly dint want it..) AGH! A National SOJ-2? gotta get up
earlier.....

Next time I'm gonna bring a laptop and take inventory at each table.....

btw, thanks for the Lear set.

Paul Nelson W5GNF
Ames, Iowa

(DrHydro@ames.net)

"When I go, I want to go quietly, in my
sleep, like my grandfather- not
screaming, like his passengers."

"More hay, Trigger?"

Cessna 140 N77149

"No thanks, Roy, I'm stuffed."

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997
From: Jim Garland W8ZR <4CX250B@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu>
Subject: Workbench Light Bargain
Message-ID: <v03007810af141775fb9a@[134.53.65.12]>

Hi Gang,

The older I get, the more light I need to peer into the innards of my dusty old radios. I came across a dandy light at WalMart the other day that works so well I thought I'd pass on the info to you. It's a hinged halogen light with a heavy base and a long boom-type reach. The base contains the 12V transformer. The lamp seems to be well made, and has a low and high-intensity setting. It has a number of adjustments for the counterbalance and aligning the direction. I bought two of them, one for my operating table, the other for my workbench. The price is \$29.95. If you want one, then I wouldn't dally, since halogen lamps without protective screens will probably be banned shortly.

73,

Jim W8ZR

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 14:30:20 1997
From: ARONGV@aol.com
Subject: WTB: Misc
Message-ID: <970128110748_1579018343@emout18.mail.aol.com>

Hi Gang:

I'm looking seriously for the following:

Hallicrafters HA-4 TO Keyer

Hallicrafters HA-5 VFO

Swan Vox units VX-1 and VX-2.

Swan 600T transmitter

Swan 700CX w/VX-1 Vox accessory

Contact me at ARONGV@aol.com

73s Ron Wo0IZ Kansas City

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Jan 28 22:24:01 1997

From: bdhall@ghg.net (Benjamin D. Hall)

Subject: WTB: variable HV power supply

Message-ID: <32EE7442.4CA8@ghgcorp.com>

Hi folks, looking to buy a nice little variable HV supply for reforming capacitors and the like. Would like to have both an output voltmeter as well as an output current meter. A nice little Heathkit unit or equivalent would be nice. Don't need much more than 400 volts at 100 ma I'd imagine. Would prefer it be working, as I have a need for it now, but I don't think a whole lot could go wrong with these that couldn't be fixed quickly.

Thanks and 73,

Ben

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Benjamin D. Hall, Houston Texas - Junque collector extraordinaire.

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